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FOLLOWING BUCHAREST 1627 ACTION SECSTATE APR 18TH.

QUOTE:

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TAGS: PFOR, KN, KS, RO

SUBJECT: SOUTH KOREAN DESIRE TO EXPLORE RELATIONS WITH ROMANIA

REF: (A) STATE 075869, (B) BUCHAREST 1370

1. SOUTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR AT GENEVA, HO EUL WHANG, WHO IS HERE WITH SOUTH KOREAN IPU DELEGATION, APPREACHED AMBASSADOR AT CONGRESSMAN DERWINSKI'S SUGGESTION WITH REQUEST THAT HE PUT SOUTH KOREAN DELEGATION CHAIRMAN IN TOUCH WITH ROMANIAN OFFICIAL OR OFFICIALS INFORMALLY TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF SOME KIND OF RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SHOUTH KOREA AND ROMANIA, AT A DIPLOMATIC OR PERHAPS AT TRADE LEVEL.

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2. INFORMAL ORAL APPROACH WAS MADE TO ACTING FOREIGN MIN

VASILE GLIGA AND PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR VASILE PUNGAN BY DCM DURING AMBASSADOR'S RECEPTION FOR US IPU DELEGATION. NEITHER ROMANIAN OFFICIAL WISHED TO MEET WNY SOUTH KOREAN REP BUT GLIGA ASKED HOW LONG SOUTH KOREANS WOULD BE HERE (THEY ARE HERE FRIDAY ONLY) AND SAID HE WOULD CHECK INTO MATTER. PUNGAN GAVE SIMILAR RESPONSE BUT SEEMED MORE DEFINITE THAT ROMANIAN REACTION WOULD BE NEGATIVE.

3. CONGRESSMAN DERWINSKI ALSO TOLD US THAT HE RELAYED SOUTH KOREAN DESIRE TO UNSTATED ROMANIAN GNA CONTACTS.

4. MEANWHILE, WE HAVE INFORMED MACOVESCU AND GLIGA THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED ANSWER (REF A) TO MACOVESCU'S APPROACH TO AMBASSADOR (REF B) CONCERNING NORTH KOREA'S DESIRE TO TRANSMIT LETTER TO US CONGRESS BUT BOTH HAVE BEEN TOO BUSY TO RECEIVE IT TO DATE (MACOVESCU HAD ONLY ONE DAY BETWEEN HIS RETURN FROM NEW YORK AND HIS DEPARTURE FOR WARSAW PACT SUMMIT).

5. DEPARTMENT PASS AS DESIRED.

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